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Wayne-Westland school superintendent resigns

Members of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools Board of Education unanimously accepted the resignation of Dr. Shelley Holt, former superintendent of schools. The resignation was part of a mutually-agreed upon settlement which also ends Holt's $2 million lawsuit against the district. No financial terms of the settlement were revealed by the district.

The unanimous vote took place Oct. 1 in a special session convened to end the district administrative relationship with Holt who had come under public criticism from parents, teachers and students during public meetings of the school board. She was accused of mismanagement, favoritism and creating a "culture of fear" and retaliation in the school district.

> *I wish Dr. Holt nothing but the best as she moves on and thank her for the many positive contributions she made to the school district*

"I wish Dr. Holt nothing but the best as she moves on and thank her for the many positive contributions she made to the school district during her time as superintendent," said Board President David R. Cox.

The resolution allows the board of education members to move forward with a search process to hire a new superintendent for the district, according to a prepared statement from the schools.

During the search process, current Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Operations Jill Simmons will serve as interim superintendent. Simmons, who earned her bachelor's degree in business administration from Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in human resources and employment relations. Simmons will be supported by Dr. Sue Carnell who will act as a professional consultant to the district. Carnell had served as the interim superintendent since July but was limited by Michigan retirement rules as to the amount of time she could serve as an administrator.

"The board of education will now begin the process of identi-

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Ringing success

Youths thrive at boxing club

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Jirair Thompson, 14, has found a good thing at the Norwayne Boxing Gym.

"In my school, I used to get in trouble," said Thompson, a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School. "I get in less fights" in school now," he added.

Thompson, in the ring at the gym inside the Jefferson-Barns Community Vitality Center, points to a 2018 Chicago Youth Boxing Club belt he won, along with a more recent one from Toledo, Ohio, competition. He enjoys traveling to boxing matches and he also appreciates the academic support from the Norwayne Boxing Gym.

"You remember that name, it's going to be out there," promised coach Erskine Wade of Thompson. The coach cited the great boxing progress Thompson has achieved in one year.

The Norwayne Boxing Gym was founded by Jeff Styers, a former professional boxer. "He knew he wanted it here because he grew up in this area," explained Jan Mnich of Northville, the gym director."

Wayne resident Wade, also a professional boxer, was putting several young men through their paces on a recent Tuesday. Ryan Reed, 16, a Westland John Glenn High School junior, is enthused about boxing.

"I really like the sport and I got family members that did it as well," he said.

Reed benefits from the Learning Lab at the center for his schoolwork, too and hopes after graduation to be an entrepreneur. He's been coming to the gym about five years.

"I learned that this is discipline. It's preparing you to be something great in life. And I really like boxing. I know I could come here for help," Reed said. He's working toward Eastern Qualifiers competition in Columbus, Ohio.

The Norwayne Boxing Gym is for ages 8-18, and has no fee to participate. It features National Golden Glove and Jr. Olympic Champions.

For information, visit www.norwayneboxinggym.org or call coach Wade at (313) 425-1999, or Mnich, (248) 982-5367. Questions can also be directed to Mnich's email at jan@norwayneboxinggym.org.

Jesse Nelson, 17, a Livonia Franklin High School senior, started at the gym in late February of this year. He was a Golden Glove runner up, and plans to join the U.S. Marine Corps.

"Whenever I go home it feels good. You know you did something positive," Nelson said.

Sean Buza, 16, a Wayne Memorial High junior, had another reason to visit the gym.

"I needed to cut back the extra weight. We had a lot of fun with events, like family."

Buza has been proud of getting his weight down to 189 since starting at the gym almost a year ago. He's considering auto mechanics and looking into offerings through the Wayne-Westland Schools William D. Ford Career-Technical Center.

Getting set to train in the Norwayne Boxing Gym ring, from left, are Jesse Nelson, 17, a Livonia Franklin High School senior; Ryan Reed, 16, a John Glenn High School junior and Sean Buza, 16, a Wayne Memorial High School junior.

Wade and Mnich note the students often are at-risk. They appreciate University of Michigan women's and men's team boxers who volunteer at the gym and help with tutoring.

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Preliminary plan for Phoenix Mill OK'd by Plymouth

The Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township may live up to its name as plans to restore and repurpose the building received preliminary approval from the planning commission recently.

The mill was one of three operated by Ford Motor Co. which shut them downdecades ago. The Phoenix property was closed in 1947 along with the Wilcox and Newburgh mills, all built in the 1920s and designed by renowned architect Albert Kahn. All three mills are located in Hines Park and the proposed sale of the sites has been the subject of protests by a the Save Hines Park group.

Developer Rick Cox purchased the Phoenix Mill, located at 14973 Northville Road in the park. He told the members of the Plymouth Township Planning Commission that he plans to reopen the facility next summer as a restaurant and banquet center, if all the necessary permits and approvals are forthcoming.

> *Plans include a facility to be used for weddings and large events that could accommodate a few hundred people as well as a small restaurant to serve cyclers and hikers...*

Cox said that he hopes roofing repairs will begin this month and that about 75 percent of the window frames in the building have been repaired and are awaiting glass installation.

"It's going to start to take shape as to what the building is going to look like with the fresh glass," he said. His plans include a facility to be used for weddings and large events that could accommodate a few hundred people as well as a small restaurant to serve cyclers and hikers in the park. Cox said his plan includes limited parking at the site but would provide a shuttle service from nearby hotels and other venues for guests.

While Cox did not present a site plan to the commission members, he said that once the glass is installed in the windows, the concept for the building appearance would be more obvious. Commission members granted Cox, who also owns the Northville Valve Plant, preliminary approval for the renovation.

The Wilcox Mill, located at 230 Wilcox Road in Plymouth, is also under consideration as an art studio for Tony Roko who hopes to purchase the site and install a children's art center and sculpture garden at the site. No plans have yet been announced for Newburgh Mill at 37401 Hines Dr. in Livonia.

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It may be October, but the Belleville Area Museum is preparing for the Festival of Holiday Trees set for Nov. 21 through Dec. 21.

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THE CANTON EAGLE
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The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will debut an Inclusive Sensory Sensitive Movie Program beginning at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 6 in the Main Auditorium at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

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THE INKSTER LEDGER STAR
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It's never too early to help a neighbor and as the holiday season approaches, tickets for the Annual Christmas Giveaway in Inkster are now on sale.

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THE NORTHVILLE EAGLE
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Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan was recently named as a new board member of the Michigan Municipal League.

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THE PLYMOUTH EAGLE
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Fire department personnel will host local families during Fire Safety Open House events being hosted in both Plymouth and Northville.

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THE ROMULUS ROMAN
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As the UAW Strikes continue, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI) last week visited the picket line to stand with UAW workers at the GM plant in Romulus.

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Wayne Memorial High School has revealed the 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame Class, created to honor area athletes and their accomplishments.

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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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Police in Westland will have officers visit establishments currently selling vaping products in an educational effort about new laws.

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Wayne - Westland

2019 Wayne Athletic Hall of Fame revealed

Wayne Memorial High School has revealed the 2019 Athletic Hall of Fame inductees.

The Hall of Fame had been part of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame that was created to honor area athletes and their accomplishments and encourage community pride. The original Hall of Fame was housed at Jake's Again Lounge. Original members of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame comprised community members, athletes and coaches from St. Mary's, John Glenn High School and Wayne Memorial High School.

The new Hall of Fame will be housed in the Alumni Arena on the Wayne Memorial High School campus and will comprise individuals who have been identified as having a direct connection to Wayne Memorial High School. The new members of the Wayne Westland Athletic Hall of Fame include: Ernie Righetti-track and field and basketball- coach and athlete; Katie Horton volleyball athlete; 1975 Championship Wrestling Team-athlete; Lorenzo Guess- football and basketball athlete; LaVelle Guess-basketball and football athlete and Ron "Corkey" Hayes-community member.

The Hall of Fame committee members felt these individuals met the criteria for inclusion in the Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The official induction ceremony will take place at halftime of the Wayne vs. John Glenn football game set for Friday, Oct. 18. Team members, family members and friends of those listed are expected to be on hand.

The game will begin at 7 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School. The event is also open to the general public.

Westland police launch educational visits on vaping

Michigan retailers are no longer allowed to sell flavored e-cigarettes without being fined or serving possible jail time, according to new state laws.

Police in Westland are taking the new law seriously and have assigned police and traffic bureau officers to conduct an educational campaign by visiting establishments currently selling these types of products.

"The purpose for these visits will be to educate the shop owners on the emergency rules issued by the Department of Health and Human Services and ensure that the shops do not have any prohibited products offered for sale," said Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik. "We will have a team of community officers on the road for the next few days reminding them of the ban."

Officers will instruct shop owners to remove offending products if they have not already and they will conduct follow up to ensure that they continue to comply with the emergency rules, he added.

There is also a component to the emergency rules that deals with advertising restrictions for the banned products.

E-cigarettes come in flavors such as cotton candy and bubble gum. The health risks of these e-cigarettes remain unknown but have proven to be dangerous, Jedrusik said.

Fall Into Fashion Show is set

The members of the Wayne Ladies Literary Club are hoping to bring a little of the excitement of the fashion shows in Milan, New York and London to the local community with their Fall Into Fashion event.

Fall Into Fashion is the 2019 fundraiser for the group. The Coral Sash, a modern boutique with vintage charm located in South Lyon, will be bringing the latest styles to the runway using real women as models. The Coral Sash bills itself as a space where "grandmothers, mothers, and daughters could shop together in one place."

The Ladies Literary Club has been in existence since 1896. Their mission is to stimulate intellectual development, give service to others, grant student scholarships and promote good fellowship among its members, a spokeswoman explained.

The club awards two $1,000 scholarships to female students each year: one to a senior at Wayne Memorial High School and one to a senior at John Glenn High School. This fundraiser is a major event for the club with proceeds going toward continuing to award those scholarships.

Fall Into Fashion will begin at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the First Congregational Church of Wayne, 2 Towne Square in Wayne. There will be light refreshments, basket raffles, a 50/50 drawing and shopping. Tickets are $35 each and are available by calling (734) 729-7247. After the fashion show, there will be an opportunity to shop and ask questions about the fashions seen on the runway.

"I am so excited about this fundraiser because the community is supporting the youth of today to further their education for they are our future. I am also looking forward to visiting with other women in the area," explained Fashion Show Chairman Judy Howton.

"I have been to several of Coral Sash's fashion shows and they are great, and you can shop and purchase a special outfit if you like. I am looking forward to laughing, having fun and maybe winning a basket or the 50/50 drawing," she added. "The tickets are going quickly so call and get your ticket."

Settlement

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fying a new superintendent to lead our district in what will surely become one of the most exciting rebuilding eras in district history," said Cox. "With stable finances, new employee contracts in place, major facility upgrades on the horizon, and a new curriculum coming online, the school district is looking forward to making positive changes in virtually every area of study for every student," he added.

Holt came under fire for her management style and controversial decisions during a standing- room only public meeting last June when she was criticized by parents and students. School board members subsequently voted to suspend Holt with pay while the multiple complaints and allegations were investigated by an outside law firm. Holt almost immediately filed a racial discrimination lawsuit seeking $2 million in damages and a restraining order against the district.

"Our mission is to educate and prepare all of our students to be knowledgeable, responsible,contributing members of a global society "This requires a dedicated teaching and administrative staff functioning in an environment that recognizes and appreciates that dedication. The board is committed to maintaining that environment for all employees," Cox concluded.

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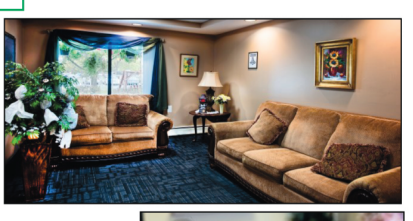

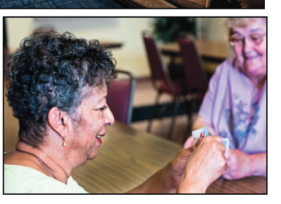

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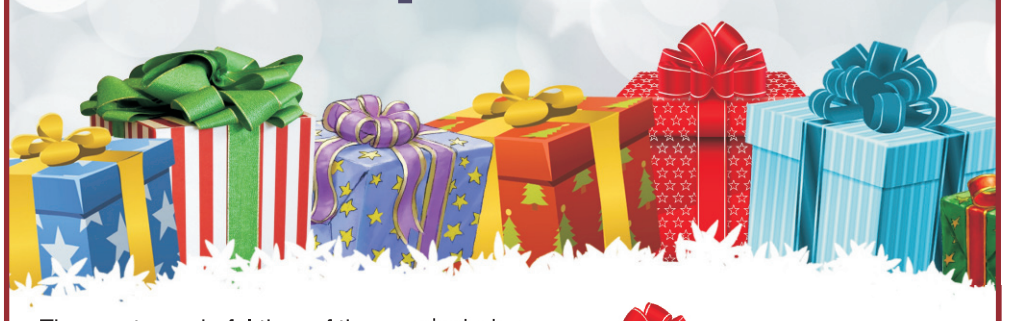

The most wonderful time of the year includes the joy of finding the perfect gift for everyone. Shoppers will be searching for perfect gifts for friends and family, whether it is unique scarf, a tiny ornament, a beautiful vase, or a gift card to a special shop or restaurant. The holidays are also the time residents make sure their homes are holiday-ready for guests and are looking for those perfect items for their home entertaining.

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Lions Club marks 50 years of service in Canton

Scott Spielman
Special Writer

The Canton Lions Club passed a quiet milestone recently.

The service club, which celebrated its 50th anniversary earlier this year, has now donated more than $100,000 back to the community through contributions to various charitable organizations and causes.

"Everything is falling together right now and turning out well," said club President Ron Sullivan.

The Lions Club supports vision- and auditory-related causes throughout the Canton community and southeast Michigan, including Leader Dogs for the Blind, the Penrickton Center, Eversight Michigan, Beaumont Silent Children, Madonna University and several others. They provide scholarships to Plymouth-Canton students with vision or hearing issues, provide free eye exams and glasses, hearing aids and funds for the Canton Goodfellows, the Canton Library and the recently-installed Canton Township Heritage Trail story markers in Heritage Park, among other local causes.

The club, which has about 26 members, has awarded more than $118,000, of which more than $70,000 was gathered and donated in the last four years.

"It is a great group of people to be associated with," said Sullivan. "We work hard, but we have a lot of fun. It's always nice to be able to give so much back to the community."

The Lions Club organizes a variety of fundraisers throughout the year. They host an annual euchre Tournament in February, serve a pancake breakfast during the Canton Liberty Fest, and solicit donations through candy cane sales-the next one is scheduled for Oct. 24-30, where Lions Club volunteers will be stationed in front of many businesses throughout Canton. They also organize four-day charity poker events throughout the year at Players Golf and Poker Room on Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

"The Lions Club has never been in better shape than it is right now," said club member and Canton Trustee John Anthony.

Jacob Ooms earned a $2,000 scholarship this year from the Canton Lions Club. The club has awarded $14,000 in scholarships to Plymouth-Canton students since 2014.

Village Theatre now offers Sensory Sensitive movies

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill has begun a series of inclusive Sensory Sensitive Movie Program in the Main Auditorium at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. These monthly movie showings are designed to ensure a sensory inclusive and welcoming experience for all who attend.

The Sensory Sensitive Movie program features movies with the sound turned down and the lights turned up to provide a comfortable environment. Reduced capacity showings will also allow for more space for moviegoers to walk around, sing, shout, dance, clap and talk.

A limited number of weighted lap blankets, headphones and fidget devices will be available for checkout during these special showings, as well as for any performance in this venue.

Canton Leisure Services facilities, including The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, received Sensory Inclusive Certification from KultureCity, a leading nonprofit organization committed to creating more inclusive communities nationwide.

Sensory sensitivities or challenges with sensory regulation are often experienced by individuals with autism, dementia, PTSD and other similar conditions.

One of the major barriers for these individuals is sensitivity to overstimulation and noise, which is an enormous part of the environment in a high traffic area. Common stimuli like lights, noises and textures may be perceived as too bright, too loud or too uncomfortable preventing participation in common activities.

"The movie theater environment is not always enjoyable for our son Cristian," stated Canton resident Deborah Lawless.

> *He was simultaneously tuned into the audience (he's a people watcher) and the movie at the same time and was not overwhelmed by it.*

"The massive volume can cause him to become agitated, the requirement to sit still for the entire length of a film, and the dark surroundings take away the enjoyment of the movie for him. It's to the point he will decline going to the theater."

Lawless went on to explain: "We heard about … sensory sensitive viewings and decided to attend a showing.

"I was intrigued and liked the idea of reduced volume but initially thought having an audience in motion and vocal would be distracting. It was not and he enjoyed the showing. Truth be told I even enjoyed it more than a regular showing!

"He was happy to be able to jump up and dance when a song motivated him to do so, vocalize, and ask questions. He was simultaneously tuned into the audience (he's a people watcher) and the movie at the same time and was not overwhelmed by it. He left the theater a happy, relaxed guy."

Future showings at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will include:

Pokémon Detective Pikachu (Rated PG) - 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 9; The Polar Express (Rated G) - 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019; Smallfoot (Rated PG) - 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020; Ralph Breaks the Internet (Rated PG) - 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb.1, 2020; Aladdin (Rated PG) - 3 p.m. Sunday, March 15, 2020; Peter Rabbit (Rated PG) - 10 a.m. Saturday, April 4, 2020 and Mary Poppins Returns (Rated PG) - 10 a.m. Saturday, May 2, 2020.

Tickets for these events are $5 each and can be purchased online by going to www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling or in person at the Village Theater Box Office from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, at (734) 394-5300 x3.

If there are any remaining tickets, they will also be available for purchase at the box office one hour prior to showtime.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Library to open time capsule

More than 30 years ago, during the construction of the Canton Public Library, officials buried a time capsule under the front entryway of the structure. The capsule has remained hidden, untouched since 1988, until this past July, when it was unearthed during a renovation project.

That mysterious time capsule will be opened during an event set for 6:30 until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct, 16, At the Prime Time Capsule Event, there will also be a retro candy table, an '80s themed photo booth, throwback music, letters to the future, historical library artifacts and a library video.

The library has been leading up to the event with '80s inspired programs and social media posts, including local yearbook photos from 1988, archived newspaper articles about the library, nostalgic pop culture and speculation about what might in the time capsule.

"We've taken the opportunity to be really cheesy with this; we're celebrating the era of shoulder pads, parachute pants and big hair," said Laurie Golden, department head of Community Relations. Live video of the time capsule opening will be available on the library Facebook page, @CantonLibrary. The hashtag #PrimeTimeCapsule will track the fun.

The event is free and open to the public. The Canton Public Library is located at 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Visit www.cantonpl.org or call (734) 397-0999 for more information.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
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The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

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Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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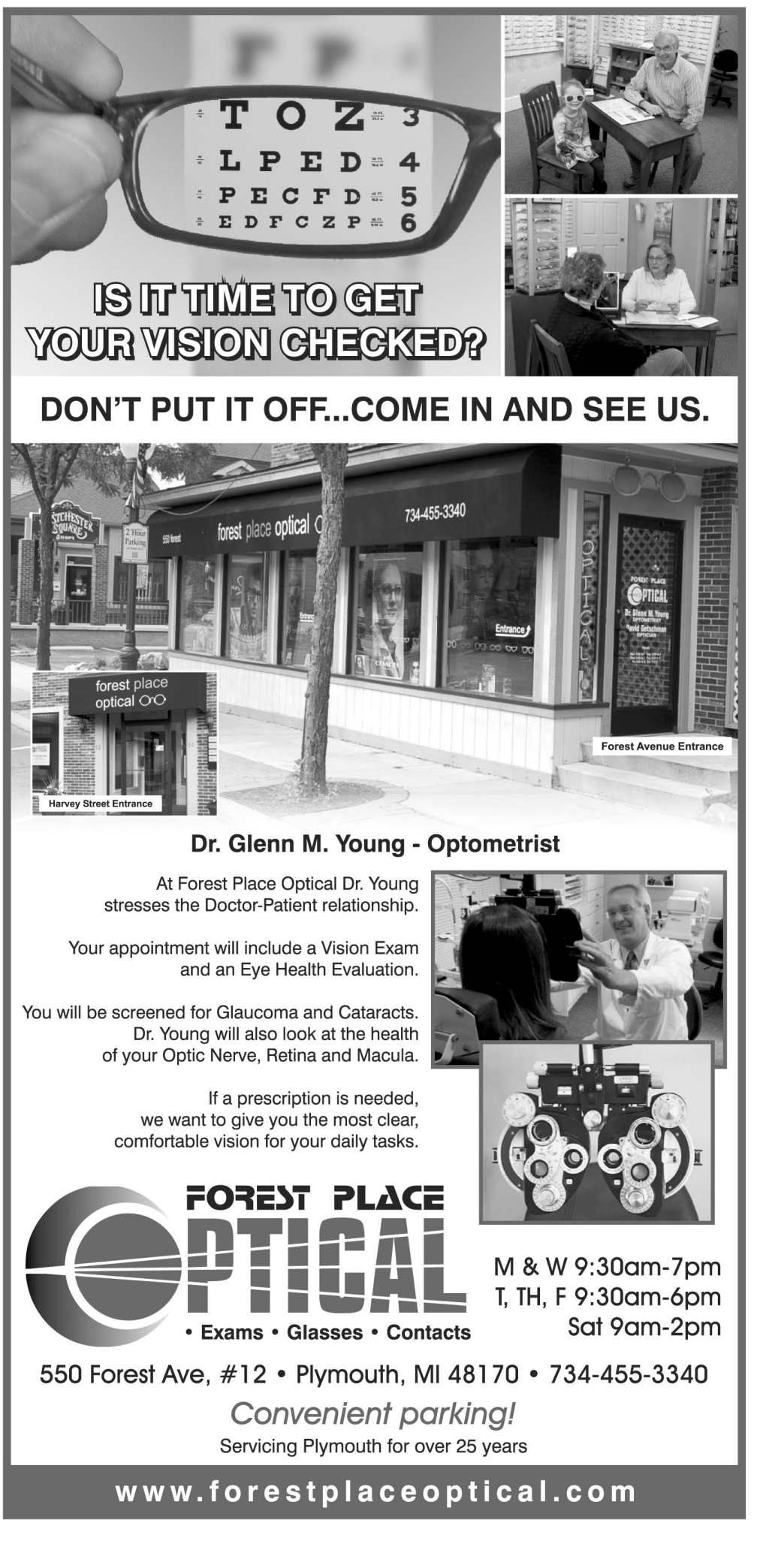
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Annual Christmas Give Away tickets now on sale

It's never too early to help a neighbor and as the holiday season approaches, tickets for the Annual Christmas Giveaway in Inkster are now on sale.

This year the event, organized by the Inkster Legends of Basketball, will offer three grand prizes, including a family package to see the world-famous Harlem Globetrotters along with a $50 dinner card; a family package for two nights at the luxurious Mackinac Island Bayshore Resort along with a $50 gas card and four tickets to see the Detroit Pistons play the Milwaukee bucks Feb. 20, 2020, which also include a $50 dinner card.

All proceeds go to the Inkster Christmas Giveaway which provides groceries and gifts for at least 100 needy families in the city.

Tickets are priced at $10 and this year there are more than 25 prizes to be awarded including tickets to the Detroit Music Hall; a night on the Princess Cruise Ship; a birthday party blast for 15 at the Romulus Athletic Center; tickets to the Henry Ford Museum; a case of steaks, multiple gift cards for meals at some of the best-known restaurants in the area; a one-night hotel stay; three haircuts and event a $150 professional teeth whitening at a local dental center.

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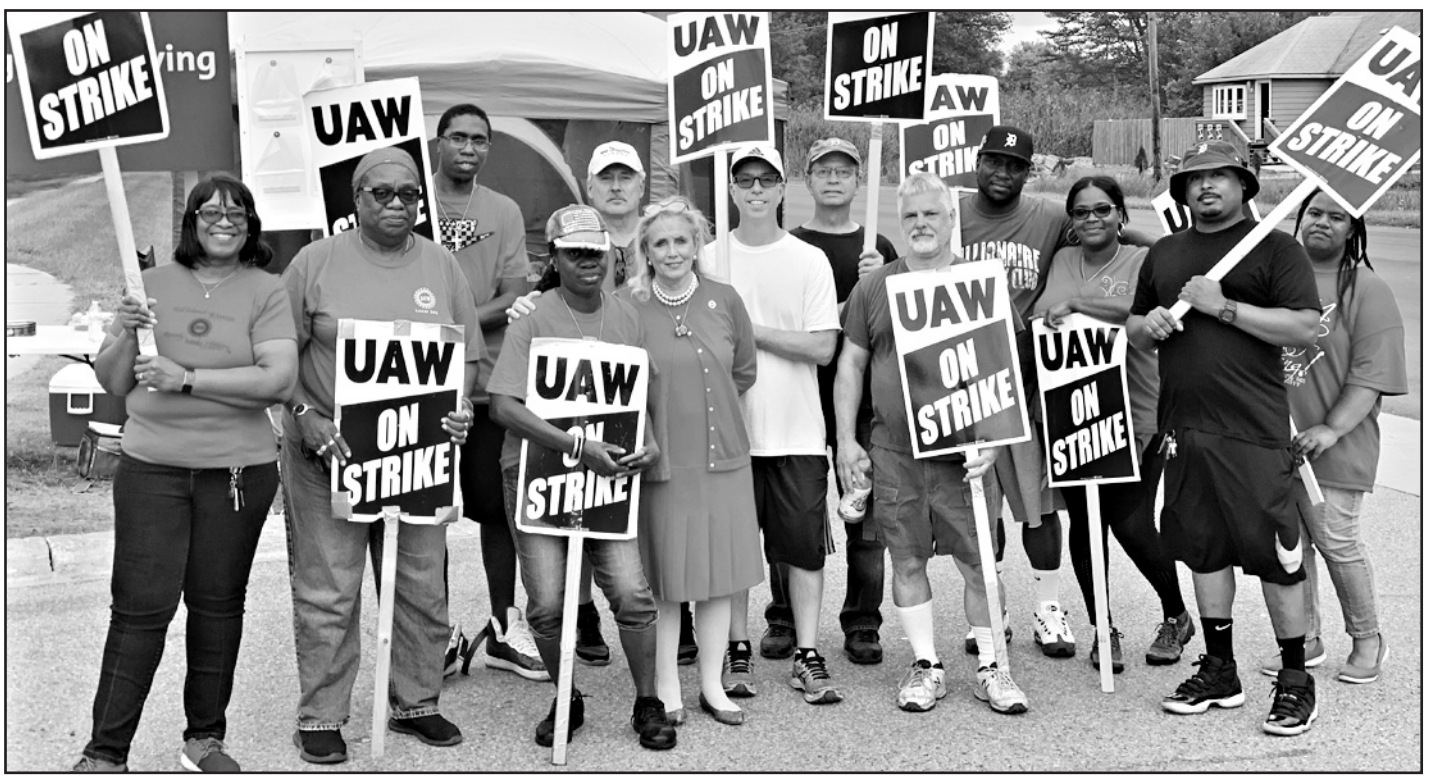
The drawing for all the prizes will take place during an event set for 5 until 8 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Booker Dozier Inkster Recreation Complex, 2025 Middlebelt Road in Inkster.

Tickets and more information are available from Director Fred Smiley, (734) 890-2478; Larry Spencer, (313) 520-8144 and Daniel Orr, (313) 715-6700.

Details about the prizes are available at www.inkster-legends.com.

On the line

As the UAW Strikes continue, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI) this week continued to visit picket lines and stand with UAW workers at the GM plant in Romulus. Dingell will visit different shifts all week at all the plants in her district. "All the UAW workers want is a fair shake," said Dingell. "The spirit on the picket lines are strong, but many are still worried about their healthcare, job security, and if they will be able to put food on the table. Organized labor invented the five-day work week. They found new ways to increase productivity and scale up and deliver great American made products. This strike is for the working men and women who must be respected as full partners with business in this country." Since the start of the UAW strike, Dingell has visited the picket lines often and at different hours to show support and listen to the concerns of UAW workers. Last week, Dingell joined UAW workers on strike at the GM plants in Belleville, Ypsilanti, and Romulus.



'Tis the Season

Annual Belleville Festival of Trees accepting holiday entries

It may be October, but the Belleville Area Museum is preparing for the Festival of Holiday Trees set for Nov. 21 through Dec. 21.

The event, part of the 24th Annual Belle Noelle Holiday Festival at the facility, displays trees and wreaths decorated by community organization, individuals and businesses. Organizers call the program a focal point of the holiday celebration in Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren townships.

Each entry should have a cultural or historical holiday theme or one that is representative of the organization decorating the tree. Past themes have included an old-fashioned Christmas, Santas, gingerbread men, peppermints, patriotic red, white and blue ornamentation, and others. Organizers added that entry rules allow for a floor-size or tabletop artificial tree or an artificial wreath. A table-top tree can be a maximum 3-feet tall and entered wreaths much include a sturdy wire attached for hanging.

All tree and wreaths should have lights, organizers said and entries should include a long extension cord labeled with the name of the entrant. Entries must supply the artificial tree, a tree stand, lights, decorations, tree skirt and a decorative sign with the name of the entrant or decorator who completed the ornamentation.

> *The event is part of the 24th Annual Belle Noelle Holiday Festival at the facility.*

In addition to displaying a tree, the museum offers the option of donating a fully-decorated tree for auction. The silent tree auction has been very helpful in supporting funding of museum activities, organizers said. The auction will take place from Nov. 22 through Dec. 17 and the auction winners will be available for pick up beginning at 7 p.m. Dec. 17.

Those interested in participating in the silent auction should contact the museum at (734) 697-1944 or email kdallos@provide.net.

Applications for entries in the Festival of Holiday Trees must be received at the museum by Wednesday, Nov. 13. The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For more information, call the number listed above.

3 new restaurants to open at Detroit Metro Airport

Three new restaurants are coming to Detroit Metro Airport as part of the ongoing redevelopment there.

Members of the Romulus City Council approved three liquor licenses for the eateries, two of which are based in Michigan. They are: the Jolly Pumpkin, Anita's Kitchen, which is based in Royal Oak and Outback Steakhouse. All will be located in Concourse D.

All three are subsidiaries of Host International, a company based in Bethesda, MD, that operates several hundred restaurants in airports and other large locations throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The restaurants will open next year, according to Michael Brown, an attorney representing the holding company. Anita's Kitchen will open around Feb. 2, 2020; Jolly Pumpkin should open by the end of March and Outback will open by the end of April.

"Some of the construction build out is already under way, but it'll obviously take some time to get accomplished because of all the other work going on at the airport right now," he said.

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The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking information from qualified Companies regarding their past performance and experience in rehabilitation/redevelopment use projects for municipalities located in the State of Michigan. In addition to including details of similar projects, information provided shall include the financial strength of the Company and ability to provide qualified housing, managerial capabilities and other information as may be necessary to demonstrate the ability to develop and complete the project.

(1) Qualified Companies and firms wishing to submit information must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Submissions may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the request for information. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the Company to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of four copies (one marked "Original" and three marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the ***City Clerk's Office*** no later than 2:30 P.M., Tuesday, **10/22/2019**. Submittals should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the RFI documents.

(4) At approximately 2:45 p.m., local time all timely received submissions will be publicly acknowledged as received.

(5) The Company that is awarded the contract will be required to submit proof of all insurance required by the RFI documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the deadline for the submission of information without notification and also reserves the right to reject all submissions and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in submissions received and to award the contract in whole or in part. A contract may ultimately be awarded to the most responsive and responsible Company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director, or Gary Harris, Purchasing Department Buyer by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

City manager to serve on Municipal League board

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan was recently named as a new board member of the Michigan Municipal League.

Members of the state organization recently elected six new members to the board during the annual meeting at the 2019 convention Sept. 25 in Detroit.

Sullivan has been the city manager in Northville since 2006. Before coming to Northville, he was the city superintendent in St. Clair for 10 years and the assistant city manager/village clerk in the Village of Beverly Hills for five years. Sullivan has a bachelor's degree in public affairs from Wayne State University and a master's in public administration from Oakland University. He has been a member of the league finance committee, the international city/county management association (ICMA) and the Michigan Municipal Executives (MME). He served on the board of directors for the MME, and as president of the organization in 2018.

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Also chosen to serve on the board until 2022 were: Grosse Pointe City Manager Pete Dame; Cadillac Mayor Carla Jean Filkins; Flint City Councilmember Monica Galloway; Madison Heights Mayor Brian Hartwell and Sterling Heights councilmember Barbara A. Ziarko. In addition, Saginaw City Mayor Pro Tem Brenda F. Moore was named president and selected as vice president was Muskegon Heights Mayor Kimberley Sims. As vice president, Sims is in line to become the League president for the 2020-21 term.

Northville names annual beautification award winners

Members of the Northville Rotary Club hosted the 30th Annual Beautification Awards luncheon recently and nearly 100 guests attended the event.

City of Northville Beautification Commission Chairperson Diane Pittaway presented awards to 27 businesses and organizations while Northville Township Beautification Co-Chair Lynne Mosteller bestowed awards on 21 businesses in the township.

The two top city awards were presented to Northville Garden Club Park for "The Best in Town" and First United Methodist Church for "The Pride of Northville." Twenty-four city awardees received a Certificate of Recognition "for their outstanding efforts to beautify the building and grounds in the City of Northville."

The Best in Township award went to Deadwood Bar & Grill; the Corporate Pride Award went to Aisin World Corp. and Lifetime Award went to Meadowbrook Country Club. Eighteen other businesses in the township received awards for their beautification efforts.

Typically, the beautification commission doesn't present awards to residential areas but was told by several people about the beautifully landscaped, flowering entrance at St. Lawrence Estates at Seven Mile and Sheldon roads. Commission members agreed, Pittaway said, and a special recognition award was presented to the condominium association.

Beautification Commission members also thanked members and friends who planted flowers around the city and maintained the flower beds during the season, as well as those in the city and community who helped make the planting and maintenance a success.

Mosteller praised those involved in the early spring clean-up of Bennett Arboretum along the Living Wall pathway (at Sheldon between Six and Seven mile roads. There were many volunteers, corporations and retailers who donated their time and supplies to restore the luster to the trail, she said. She also thanked her co-chair Jim Morche.

"People notice when you work to beautify an area of the community. You are making a difference," Pittaway said."

Northville, Plymouth departments marking Fire Prevention Week

Not Every Hero Wears A Cape, but firefighters throughout the area are often lifesavers. Fire department personnel will help local families learn about fire safety while enjoying several attractions during Fire Safety Open House events being hosted in both Plymouth and Northville.

Visitors at the Plymouth Township station can meet firefighters, see and touch the new township fire engine and ambulance, learn how to use a fire extinguisher, view fire safety demonstrations, spray fire hoses in the squirt house, see a motor vehicle accident with the Jaws of Life demonstration, and other attractions from 10 a.m. until noon this Saturday, Oct. 12.

Refreshments will be served and the Plymouth Township Charity Pumpkin Patch will be open.

The open house will take place at Fire Station #1, 9911 North Haggerty Road in Plymouth Township.

The local fire departments are teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®)-the official sponsor of Fire Prevention Week for more than 90 years-to promote the annual Fire Prevention Week campaign,

"Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" is the theme this year. The campaign works to educate everyone about the small but important actions families can take to prevent fires and be safe in case a home fire occurs.

The City of Plymouth is offering free tours of the fire department through this Saturday, Oct. 12. Tours are now being scheduled for school groups, neighborhood groups and other organizations.

"Station tours are a great activity for both adults and children," a spokesman noted.

Several interactive demonstrations will be on display and children and adults can participate in emergency scenarios and learn about household fire hazards.

To schedule a tour group in the City of Plymouth during Fire Prevention Week, contact the fire department at (734) 453-1234 extension 280 or via email at jdavison@ci.plymouth.mi.us [mailto:jdavison@ci.plymouth.mi.us].

The Northville City Fire Department will host a week-long open house at Fire Station #1, 215 W. Main, Northville from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. through tomorrow, Oct. 11.

During the event, children and their families can tour the Fire House, view a fire engine, and see demonstrations of simulated smoke and simulated fire.

Educational information will be conveyed with materials and fun projects.

The Northville Township Fire Department Open House, also part of Fire Prevention Week, took place Oct. 6.

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Calendar of events

Maybury Corn Maze is open

The 10-acre Maybury Farm Corn Maze is now open. This year, the farm will also offer a Kids Maze that is approximately 1 acre and will take an estimated 20 minutes to complete.

The Maybury Farm corn maze is open until 10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays for those brave enough to attempt to find their way through in the dark with just the moon to guide the way.

Admission to the Maybury Farm Corn Maze is $9 per person and includes farm admission and a tractor-drawn wagon ride to and from the maze. Children under 2 are admitted free with an adult. Accommodations for groups of 25 or more can be scheduled at (248) 374-0200. Maybury Farm also offers bonfires that are available during regular business hours or as part of a group reservation.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. To learn more about all of the autumn activities at the farm, visit http://www.maybury-farm.org.

Free concerts at PARC

Free live musical performances are now being offered at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex (PARC).

The series of concerts will be offered monthly at noon on Fridays and is presented by the Wilcox Foundation.

These free concerts will feature professional musicians from the Eden Arts Cooperative, Main Street Opera Theatre, Michigan Philharmonic Orchestra and other performing arts organizations located at PARC.

PARC is located at 650 Church St. in Plymouth. To reach the Band/Music Room, guests should park behind the building off Adams Street and enter through the Activities Entrance. For more information, call (734) 927-4090.

Forest Fun Hike is Saturday

Nankin Mills Interpretive Center will host a Halloween Forest Fun Hile from 5:30 until 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12.

The hike will take place outdoors and is recommended for children 4 and older, the hike lasts 45 minutes and there is a live animal show following the hike. Pre-registration is required by calling (734) 261-1990.

The Nankin Mills Interpretive Center is located at 33175 Ann Arbor Trail.

Holiday Tea reservations available

The Canton Historical Society will presents "A Holiday Tea" from 1-3 p.m. Saturday Dec. 7 at the Bartlett-Travis House located at 500 North Ridge Road.

An afternoon tea will be served in a historic Canton house decorated for Christmas accompanied by live music. Tea will include sandwiches and small desserts and visitors can learn a bit about how Christmas in Canton used to be spent.

Tickets are $25 each and available at the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway in Canton.

Seating is limited so early ticket reservations are encouraged, organizers said.

Art House exhibit opens

The Northville Art House will present POSE: Portrait and the Costumed Figure featuring portraits and figurative work created in graphite, mixed-media, oil and pastel by 12 female artists.

This free exhibition will continue through Oct. 26 during regular gallery hours, noon until 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Visit www.northvillearthouse.org for more information.

Financial scams explained

The Romulus Public Library will host two free 60-minute classes regarding current financial scams on Oct. 11. The goal of the class is to educate participants in ways to protect themselves and respond should they become a victim. Losses from these scams have increased $63 million year-over-year according to statistics.

The first class is set for 11 a.m. until noon and the second at 4 until 5 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the library, 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus.

For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Free dental care offered

Residents in the Belleville community and surrounding areas will have the opportunity to receive free dental services at The Lakes Dental Care on Friday, Oct. 11.

Dr. Tracey Upell, Dr. Andrew Atisha and team at The Lakes Dental Care will be improving the oral health of the community as part of Free Dentistry Day.

During Free Dentistry Day, cleanings and extractions will be provided to patients between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 at 6127 Rawsonville Road, Suite 118 in Belleville. The first 150 patients will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Patients must be ages 18 or older to receive treatment. For more information, call (734) 879-1903 or visit www.FreeDentistryDay.org.

Great Pumpkin Festival planned

Maybury Farm will host the 6th Annual Great Pumpkin Festival from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13. This event features live music, food, pumpkin-themed games and activities for children and families, and much more. Highlights include pie pumpkin painting, bonfire and S'mores, storytime and sing-a-long, children's activity stage and beeswax candle making. The event will also feature performances by Bridge County Bluegrass Band on Saturday and The Western Pleasures on Sunday, The Great Pumpkin Festival is the most popular event all year at Maybury Farm.

Admission to the Great Pumpkin Festival is $7 per person and includes admission to the farm or, for $12 per person, guests can enjoy the festival, corn maze with wagon ride and farm. Children under 2 receive free admission to the festival with an adult.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. To learn more about all of the autumn activities at the farm, visit http://www.maybury-farm.org.

Genealogists set meeting

Members of the Northville Genealogy Society will meet beginning at 1:15 p.m. Oct. 13 at the Northville District Library located at 212 W. Cady St., Northville.

A roundtable discussion on Family Search hints begins at 1:15 p.m. and after a short member meeting and refreshments, the invited guest, Bernadette Bartlett from the Library of Michigan, will speak at 3 p.m. about Using Michigan Documents including the Pioneer and Historical Collection. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Library hosts Pumpkinpalooza

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host Pumpkinpalooza from 2-4 p.m. Sunday Oct. 13.

Young visitors can decorate a pumpkin and the whole family can enjoy cider and donuts.

The pumpkins will be decorated, not carved.

No registration required for the event designed for all ages. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

College funding discussed

The William P. Faust Public Library of Westland will host a speaker from Community Financial Credit Union to discuss ways to fund college

The discussion will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14 at the library.

Registration is encouraged for the discussion which is open to both adults and teens.

The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway in Westland. For more information, call (734) 326-6123.

Family Fun Festival planned

The City of Romulus will present the Fall Family Fund Festival from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18 at the Romulus Historical Park Pavilion, 11147 Hunt St.

Included in the event will be downtown hayrides; scarecrow contest voting; Romulus Historical Society stories, tour and treats; walking tacos, hot dogs and other concessions available for purchase; face painting and apple decorating.

Costumes are encouraged and visitors should bring their own bag for treats.

For more information, call (734) 942-7571.

Estate planning is topic

The Romulus Public Library will host an estate planning seminar with attorney Allison Stevens beginning at 6 p.m. Oct. 17.

Stevens will discuss which documents are best for individuals, the options available, ways to avoid common mistakes and guardianship papers and power of attorney designations. She will also discuss avoiding probate and maximizing gifts to heirs.

The program is sponsored by Hantz Financial Services, Inc.

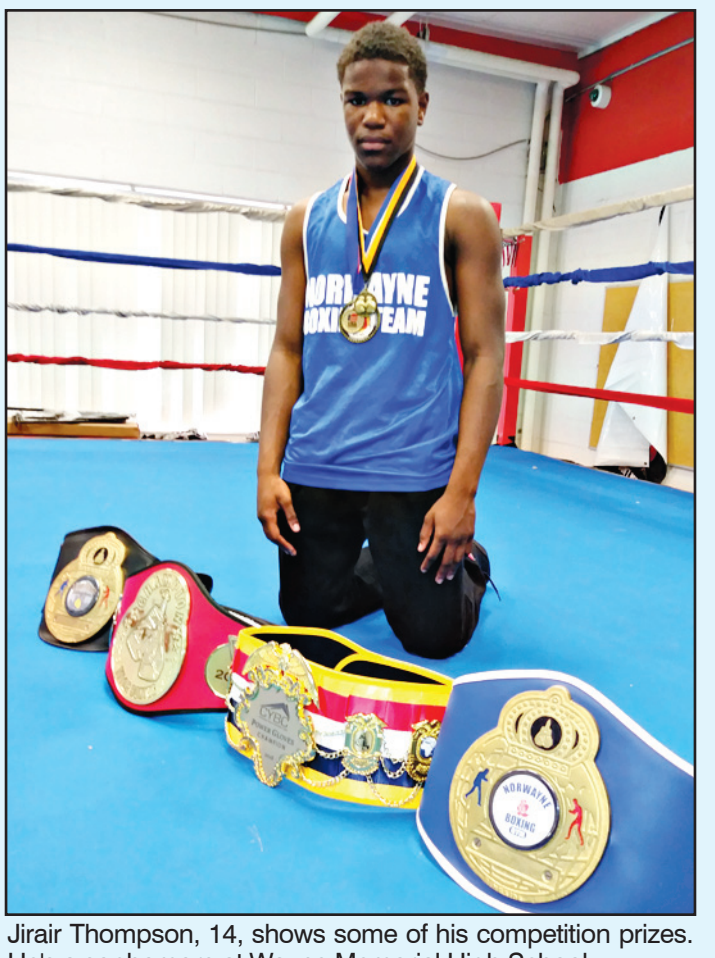
The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information, call (734) 942-7589.

Transit Authority hosts event

Regional Transit Authority (RTA) representatives will host an open house from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 at the Canton Township Administration Building.

The meeting is planned to educate patrons on the work the RTA is doing to help shape the future of mobility in Southeast Michigan

The administration building is located at 1150 South Canton Center Road in Canton.



Jirair Thompson, 14, shows some of his competition prizes. He's a sophomore at Wayne Memorial High School.

Boxing

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"It's been a good experience," Wade said. Students, girls and young women included and encouraged, don't get into marijuana use or into gangs, the director noted.

They're now seeking assistant coaches to help keep the gym open more hours, with Mnich on the job about a year and a half.

Younger students at the Norwayne Boxing Gym do their homework there twice a week, as do older kids. Wade pointed with pride to a teen whose grade point average went from 1.9 to 3.0.

At 60, Wade, father of nine and a grandfather, said he wears several hats.

"I'm an ambassador, a plumber, a dishwasher, a dad." He has done laundry for the young people in the past.

Wade worked 17 years at Botsford Hospital in dietary management before meeting Styers at a fight. "I really didn't know what I was getting myself into," he commented.

He finds some at-risk youth where one or both parents use drugs, and may turn to robbery. Some of the youths are raising siblings.

Boxing training starts with coaching, hitting the bag, and working with someone the student's own size. Mnich and Wade emphasize that those who don't like boxing can still join up for other great experiences and bonding at the center.

They're proud of youth who've advanced in boxing and academics.

"It just incorporates all of them, what are their needs? If we all do our little bit to help these kids, it's incredible," Mnich said."

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